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In re Patent application of)
SCHMIDT) Group 1653
Serial No. 09/295,302) Examiner: A. Gupta
Filed: April 21, 1999) Atty. Dkt. No.: 109572-00101
For: AGENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE)
OF BIOLOGICAL PARTS)



AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office action mailed June 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Thrice amended) A method of stabilizing vertebral structures or recovering broken vertebral structures or fixing endoprosthesis comprising the step of implanting a composition according to claim 8 into living beings.

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of a telephonic interview on October 2, 2002, in which Examiner Anish Gupta and Applicant's attorney discussed the claims with respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The following was agreed upon: 1) the removal of the phrase "producing, reproducing" is sufficient to overcome the rejection; 2) the addition of the phrase "recovering broken